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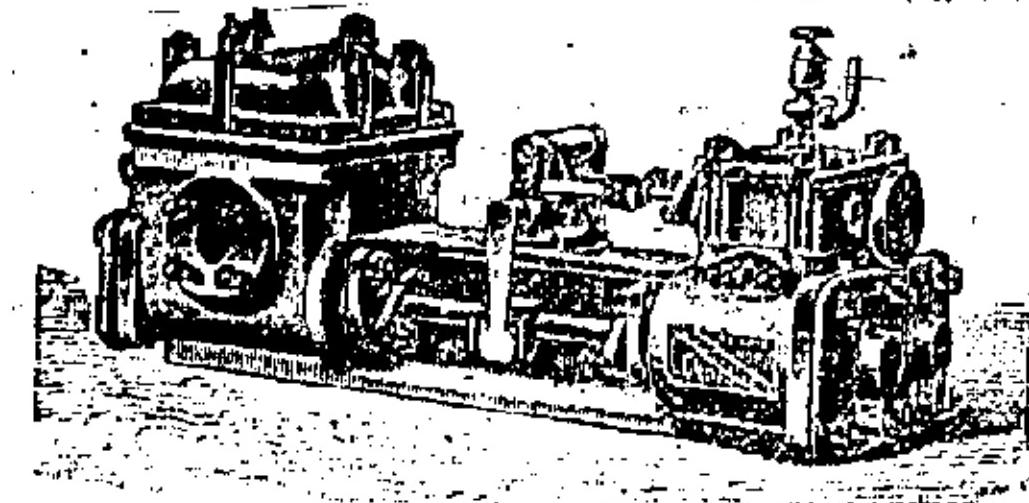
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Hongkong, June 21, 1900. 1389

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A PRIVATE MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS will be held on
TUESDAY, the 2nd July, at 11.30 a.m., to
consider the IMPORANT COMMUNI-
CATIONS from the Mines, which will
then be placed before the Meeting.

LUTGENS, BINSTMANN & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, June 26, 1900. 1416

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June, 1900, will be Paid, on Application,
to the Registered Shareholders in the
above Company, on SATURDAY, the 7th
July, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 1st to the
7th July, both days inclusive.

MEYER & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, June 26, 1900. 1414

SANITARY BOARD

OWNERS of HOUSES Situated in the
Western Division of the City of Victoria,
who have not had their Premises
Laundered and Cleaned in accordance
with Law, are required that the period
during which the work should be finished
ends on the 20th day of June, 1900, and
the Sanitary Board being convinced of the
necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to
stamp out Plague, is determined to rigor-
ously prosecute any owner in default after
the above-named date.

By Order of the Board,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Acting Secretary.
SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,
1st May, 1900.

NOTE.—The Western Division of the
City lies to the West of Morrison
and East Streets. 1083

Business Notices.

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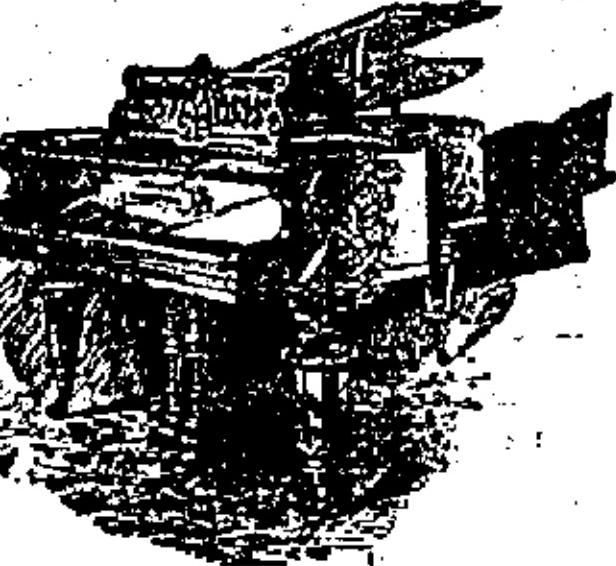
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MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
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NOTICE is hereby given that a FINAL
MEETING of the Board of Directors
of the above Company, held at the Regis-
tered Office of the Company, Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on
Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March,
1900, the following resolutions were
passed:—

1. That in pursuance of the provisions
of the Special Resolution passed at
an Extraordinary General Meeting
of the Company held on the 7th
and confirmed on the 27th March
instant, and since duly registered,
the sum of \$1,250,000 withdrawn
from the Reserve Fund and ho
carried over to the Credit of Capital Account,
each share being credited with a
sum of \$25, as paid up thereon in
addition to the sum of \$50 now
paying to the credit of each share.

2. That the balance of \$25 per share
of the Paid Capital of the Company
will be called up, and that a Call
be made on each share of \$25 per
share upon all the shares of the
Company, and that the Share-
holders be requested to pay the
same to the Company's Bankers,
the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation, at their premises,
Queen's Road Central, on or before
the 2nd day of July A.D. 1900.

NOTICE
Shareholders are hereby requested to pay
accordingly.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance
with Article 34 of the Company's
Articles of Association, interest will be
charged as from the mid 2nd day of July
1900, at the rate of 8½ per centum per
annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid
after the 9th day of July 1900, up to the
actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 702

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—German Mail steamer *Odenburg* leaves for Bremen and Port of Call.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Vedette* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, June 29.—Goods per *Knittel* not cleared before noon subject to rent.

MONDAY, July 2.—3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Shaukiwan.

3.15 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Pei Po Road.

Goods per *Knittel* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

TUESDAY, July 3.—11.30 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property, known as Nos. 8 and 12, Upper Lascar Row, by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

WEDNESDAY, July 4.—11 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Furniture, at the Mount Richmond, by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

Goods per *Shuttle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, July 7.—12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, No. 4, Queen's Building.

Internal Dividends of 42c. or \$1.50 per Share of the Wan Chai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd., payable.

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Wire ... 1493

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Wire ... 1493

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On demand ... 71

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For the publication of this issue commenced at 6.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1900.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr Aldrich, U. S. Vice Consul-General, sends us the following typhoon warning:—Manila Observatory 27th, 10 o'clock a.m.

Depression fair out in the Pacific; probably E. N. E. of Manila.

By arrangement with our contemporaries we publish the "special extras" published by the *Daily Press* and the *Hongkong Telegraph*, relating to the riot of Tientsin, from which it will be seen that there is great variety in the stories. The telegraph line between Chefoo and Shantung is not working in a very satisfactory way.

Re-hearing Refused.

Mr Judge, solicitor, appeared at the Magistracy to-day, on behalf of Messrs Butterfield and Swire and asked for a re-hearing of the case against a tallyman employed by that firm who was convicted of bringing letters into the Colony, a breach of the Post Office Ordinance and was fined \$100. Mr Hazelton refused to grant a rehearing of the case on the ground that, in addition to the letter of the firm, his son had in his possession at the time of his arrest four private letters.

P. & O. Turret Ship.

The P. & O. turret deck steamer *Buccaneer* arrived to-day on her first voyage to the East. The steamer was built by Messrs William Dxford and Sons, Sunderland, the patentees of this type of vessel. Her length is 44 ft.; beam, 51 ft. 6 in.; depth, 20 ft., draught, 32 ft. On dead weight she carries 8,885 tons of gear, including side ports for derricks and very powerful winches. She is fitted with triple-expansion engines, driving a single screw. The steamer is commanded by Captain Babot.

What constitutes a Family.

At the Magistracy to-day, Ho Tung was charged by Sanitary Inspector Brett with failing to give notice of his intention to lime-wash a house at 35 Wyndham Street. Ho Tung asked the Magistrate to give a decision as to whether it was necessary for him to lime-wash, when a whole house was occupied by one family and its domestic servants. Mr Hazelton took evidence in the course of which it came out that the house was occupied by fokins or workmen employed by the family. It was admitted that the premises of the Sanitary Board ought to be lime-washed, too, as a good many fokins slept there. Mr Hazelton said the section of the ordinance was not very clear, nor was it well drawn up. He then read the wording of a bye-law made under Sub-Section 4 of Section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1897, which was to the effect that any house or part of a house occupied by the members of more than one family shall, unless specially exempted by the Sanitary Board, be cleansed and lime-washed. The question was, he continued, what construction were to place on the word "family"? The word family was derived from the Latin *familia*. He had no doubt that this old word included the folks who would be slaves of the household and reckoned them as the family. But in this case (he said) the Sanitary Board might well consider that the house was occupied by the family.

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[The commander of the Japanese Forces, which is evidently a mixed brigade of bluejackets and soldiers, appears to be General Y. Fukushima, Director of the Second Bureau, General Staff Department.

The column under command of Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour numbered 2,044 men composed as follows:—315 British, 330 German, 300 Russian, 158 French, and the remainder American, Japanese, Italian, and Austrian.—Ep. C.M.]

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE CRISIS
IN CHINA.

THE CHINA MAIL.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR
AT TIENSIN.RETURN OF THE PEKING
RELIEF FORCE.

The anxiety that has been prevalent in the Colony over the safety of Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour will be alleviated by the intelligence conveyed in a brief telegram received by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government to-day that Admiral Seymour has reached Tientsin. The telegram does not give any information as to the condition of affairs at Peking, and we are still in suspense as to the fate of the Ministers and other foreigners at the capital.

The *Daily Press* issued the following "special extra":—

THE RELIEF OF TIENSIN.

Effectuated by a Combined Force.

The Casualties.

[From Our Correspondent.]

SHANGHAI, June 26, 9 p.m.

A combined force of two thousand men, Rev. Taitung on Saturday, 23rd inst., after silencing the guns of the arsenal and breaking through the Chinese lines.

The Russians lost four killed and thirty wounded. The other nations suffered a slight loss.

ADMIRAL SEYmour SURROUNDED.

Admiral Seymour's force is reported to be surrounded by Boxers and Chinese. Regular troops ten miles from Tientsin, and he is hampered by his sick and wounded.

ASSISTANCE SENT.

Assistance was sent to him on Sunday, 24th instant.

RUMOURS CONCERNING PEKING.

It is rumoured concerning Peking that the foreigners were sent out with a Chinese guard, perhaps with Admiral Seymour.

MORE JAPANESE.

Three thousand Japanese are now landed at Taku.

EMPEROR DOWAGER DESIRES PROTECTION.

The Empress-Dowager has ordered the Viceroy of Wuchang to defend Nankang (Nanking) against the rebels and to send troops to Peking.

Viceroy Chang Chih-tung is sending 3,000 troops to Peking but is keeping the foreign-trained troops at Wuchang.

The following was issued as a "special extra" to-day by the *Hongkong Telegraph*:—

TIENSIN RELEIVED BY JAPANESE.

CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE EXAGGERATED.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE ADMIRAL ESTABLISHED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

SHANGHAI, June 26th, 4.6 p.m.

The Relief Column has reached Tientsin and reports that the damage and casualties there have been exaggerated.

Communication has been established with the Peking Relief Force under Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, which is found to be only nine miles distant from Tientsin.

He reports that his command is very hard pressed by the Chinese and that he has been greatly hampered by sick and wounded. A few of the force have been killed.

THE POSITION AT WUCHANG.

Up till six o'clock this morning all quiet here. Str. *Jiangyong* still standing by, waiting for gunboat to arrive.

AT THE NAVAL YARD.

There has been little cessation of the activity at the Naval Yard since the departure of the *Undaunted*, and H.M.S.

Pique, *Pigmy* and *Hart* having been equipped with stores and provisions sailed this afternoon for Woosung. No official news has yet been received by Commodore Powell as to the names of those killed and wounded at Taku.

THE INDIAN CONTINGENT.

Departure of Troopships.

DATES OF SAILING.

A cablegram has been received by the Military Authorities here giving details of the regiments proceeding to China from India. The telegram is to the following effect:—Regiments intended permanent increase for India: Hongkong are 23rd Bengal and 23rd Madras Infantry, each consisting of 12 British Officers, 1 medical officer, 16 native officers, 12 rank and file. Left wing of 7th Bengal Infantry sailed June 25th; remainder will follow, June 29th. The 24th Punjab Infantry sails on July 2nd. Two regiments will be available then for local defence pending arrival of special regiments allotted for duty. General Sir Alfred Gaselee, Commanding Officer, sails on July 2nd. Two regiments detailed for Hongkong will bring cooking vessels and choppers (peds).

It is expected that the regiments will reach Hongkong on or about the 14th inst. It is not likely that the regiments which are not for permanent service in Hongkong will stay any time in the Colony as they are expected to proceed north with all possible haste so that the expected show of British power in the neighbourhood of the Amur districts.

The United States are preparing to meet every contingency in China.

The Indian force for China has been increased as follows:—Two Brigades, each of four battalions with divisional troops. One Cavalry regiment, one of Pioneers, three companies Sailors and Miners, any field battery, and two batteries for lines of communication.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 26th June.

THE CHINA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1900.

THE CHINA MAIL.

THE FIGHTING AT TAKU.

Description by an Eye-Witness.
The British steamer *Kuang Ping* arrived yesterday from Taku. Mr James A. Hamilton, the third engineer of the steamer, has kindly placed at our disposal a letter he has written to a friend at home containing an interesting description of the state of affairs at Taku as viewed from the *Kuang Ping*. An excellent chart of the river accompanies the letter.

S.S. *Kuang Ping*.

Yellow Sea, June 21, 1900.

Dear ——, When I promised to write you on my return trip from Taku I didn't think I was going to be able to write you about having been an eye-witness of the first engagement between the foreign powers and China. I refer to the bombardment of Taku forts, which occurred on Sunday morning, June 17. I take it, as far as I can learn, that the British and chief engineer on the bridge. From the bridge I could see the five guns of the south fort and nearly the whole of the south fort. Looking up the river, I saw the *Itis* smoking up, and shortly after she shot out into the river, and at a pretty quick speed for a river boat. She had just passed her position, and as both of them passed we cheered, but everyone on board both gunboats was quiet; with the aid of a pair of binoculars and the bright moonlight I saw the men all at their guns.

Meanwhile the *Algérie* and the two Russian gunboats were tackling the forts, the former using smokeless powder, and the two Russians black powder. The *Whiting* was busy also. When the Chinese opened fire on the gunboats, the *Whiting* was standing by the four Chinese torpedoes.

The *Whiting* had one officer badly wounded, two or three men killed and 8 or 10 wounded at the storming of the fort.

On the *Itis*, the commander was very seriously wounded, and some 20 men killed through one of her boiler explosions.

On the *Russia* the casualties were nil.

On the *Li* 11, one officer and eight men were wounded. The Russian, that was next to the *Lion* fired rather badly. Between the *Algérie* and the bright moonlight I saw the men all at their guns.

Recently two missionaries were cruelly murdered by a party of "Boxers," one of the victims was tied to a tree, then skinned alive, and afterwards had his eyes gouged out with hot irons. This dare say has helped greatly to bring the present crisis to a speedy climax.

From the time I left Tientsin until I reached Tungku, on June 19th, I heard no news whatever about movements of men-of-war, but when the first signals shown on the horizon, as we neared Taku, turned out to be a number of men-of-war reposing.

ALL THE INTERESTED POWERS,

viz.: Britain, Japan, Germany, Russia, Italy and France, and I may add America, though she was only represented by one, I considered the presence of these battleships was sufficient evidence to show that the breaking up of China was near at hand, or if not the whole of China, at least a part of it.

These battleships, however, took no part in the engagement about which I am going to write, as they had to anchor twelve miles from Taku fort, and were unable to get closer on account of Taku Bar, owing to their great draught. On this there is scarcely more than 15 or 16 feet of water at high-water, and at times, it is almost dry at low-water.

The *Kuang Ping* got over the bar at high water, and about half-an-hour afterwards entered the mouth of the Peiho River. Passing between the North and South forts, as shown in enclosed sketch, I noticed the guns on either side were all manned, and around some of the guns, the Chinese were being drilled.

in the handling of them. About 200 yards further up the river, the British gunboat *Algérie* and torpedo boats *Reeve* and *Whiting* were lying at anchor. A stern of them with the Russian gunboat. Four Chinese torpedo boats were lying at the dock at the bend of the river, as shown in sketch. These were being touched up and got ready for action. The *Kuang Ping* finally arrived at her berth at the company's wharf at Tungku, and a few minutes later numerous of war were brought along by those ashore. Within pistol shot from where we were berthed, lay the French gunboat *Leib*, next to it another Russian, then came a merchant ship, the *Lion Sheng*, and astern of it again lay the German gunboat *Lits* and a Japanese gunboat, and morning the S.S. *M.S. Moway* from Shanghai, and others on her. The *Algérie* kept round the stern of the Japanese gunboat. The same afternoon the *Algérie* had run aground and was pulled off again which was to run between Tungku and Tientsin. The same afternoon the *Algérie*, *Whiting* and Russian gunboat moved from near the mouth of the river and took up their position, as shown during the first action, the *Whiting* taking her place beside the four Chinese torpedo boats. Next day (Friday) a meeting was held aboard the *Algérie* admirals and commanders being present. While this meeting was proceeding about 600 Chinese soldiers passed along the wharf on their way to the South Forts. After this council of war was over, a rumour went abroad that the

FOOTS WERE TO BE TAKEN

that night. This rumour was universally believed by all around. Soon after, yet the *Lion* hadn't sent her men and muzzen down, and she didn't seem to be getting her lighting tops ready, out belief in the rumour was shattered. By the time the moon had risen, 8.30, we were surprised to see the men and muzzen tops had been sent down, and this happening so quickly and between sunset and the rising of the moon, it raised our suspicion, and this was greatly increased when a launch towing 40 marines, steamed up the river. However, after all our excitement, believe me, Friday night and Saturday morning passed away quietly.

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON ANOTHER

COUNCIL OF WAR

was held aboard the Russian that was lying beside the *Lion*. After this one was over and the various launches had left, the Russian steamed down the river and took up her position between the *Algérie* and the other Russ gunboat. In the evening I took a walk up to the station and saw the armoured train and returned alongside the wharf, passing the *Itis*. When I got back to the Custom House I was told that in all probability the gunboats would commence hostilities at 6 p.m. if I could disbelieve what I heard. So I went to bed. At half past eleven on Saturday night, a Customs officer came aboard and told us that there was trouble on the s.s. *S. Fan*, but when we got there we discovered it had been

A FALSE ALARM.

How this alarm got about was as follows: A note having been written previously was given to a Chinaman who told that if there were any Boxers about, or among the passengers he was to send the note to the Custom House and the officer on duty would get help. It seems John Chishman wanted to go to sleep, but conveniently doomed it advisable to get rid of his charge before doing so. Hence the cause of the alarm. When we got aboard our ship again we discussed the possibilities of having a real attack from fleeing "Boxers" should they run away from the forts. At one bell, that is half past twelve, we dispersed and each went to his own cabin. When I got to mine I read for a quarter of an hour or so, and was nearly dropping off to sleep, when I heard a loud report, which was almost immediately followed by a second. A moment sufficed to put my revolver in my pocket, and

the time the third shell arrived I was out on deck. The arrival of the third shell made me feel a bit uneasy, as it was bound for Hongkong. A piece of a shell dropped on the roof of the Customs House but did no damage. The dead and wounded at the fort?

REMOVED VARIOUS STRETTACLES.

One poor fellow had a sword cut through his skull, penetrating right down to the lungs. In a room the dead were lying piled up in the sight of each other. War is really a horrible thing! What one engine room telegraph rang "Stand by." I felt bad at the prospects of getting away from Taku and Tientsin.

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